EFFECT OF HUMIC ACID AND ACETYL SALICYLIC ACID ON IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY OF OREGANO (*ORIGANUM SYRIACUM* L.) PLANT IRRIGATED WITH SALINE WATER

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ABSTRACT: This study was conducted at North Sinai Research Station Farm, Desert Research Center, El-Sheikh Zwaid city during the two consecutive seasons of 2014 and 2015 to improve Origanum syriacum L. plant growth and productivity under saline water irrigation (about 3000 ppm) stress conditions. Humic acid (0, 2, 4 and 6 kg.fed⁻¹) were added with irrigation water. Different concentrations of acetyl salicylic acid (0, 500, 750 and 1000 mg.l⁻¹) were sprayed on plants. Experimental design was split plot design with three replicates, since humic acid concentrations were arranged in main plots, while acetyl salicylic acid levels were assigned in sub-plots. Obtained results showed that the highest values of vegetative growth parameters, volatile oil yield and chemical composition were gained with the interaction treatments of 750 or 1000 mg.l⁻¹ acetyl salicylic acid combined with 6 kg.fed⁻¹ humic acid without significant difference between both treatments. So that, our recommendation is to spray Origanum syriacum L. plants grown under saline water irrigation stress with 750 mg.l⁻¹ acetyl salicylic acid with applying 6 kg.fed⁻¹ humic acid to avoid the depressive effect of salinity on growth and productivity of Origanum syriacum L. plants.

Key words: Saline water, acetyl salicylic acid, humic acid and Origanum syriacum L.

INTRODUCTION

Origanum syriacum L. plant is a member of the oral family Lamiaceae and one of the most important medicinal plants of economic importance. This plant is a large, fertile grassy plant splinters, wooden, gray ribbed, covered with brown ophrys and small leaves, simple reverse gray-colored gray, and flowers are found in blue or pink clusters of plant height 50 cm and carries small capsule fruits with small crumpled seeds. The aromatic oil of the plant is found in oil glands scattered on the lower surface of the leaves. It is characterized by the smell of camphor and is used as a folk remedy because of its antiseptic properties and the beneficial effect on digestion. It is used in the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders and various

parasitic diseases and is used as a popular remedy for bronchitis, loss of appetite, colitis and liver diseases. It is also used as a mildew, antiseptic, antiseptic, anticonvulsant and analgesic. Oil is used in the pharmaceutical industry (Elhage, 2000). The oil percentage is 1 -2.5% and the main ingredient of oil is thymol (Amar and Abd El wahab, 2013).

Origanum syriacum L. cultivation is widespread in the Mediterranean region, particularly in North Sinai Governorate, Egypt. The problem of increasing the salinity of irrigation water in recent time is one of the most common problems affecting all plantations in the North Sinai Province, especially in plants which its production depends on the strength of their vegetative growth. These plants are clearly affected by increasing the salinity of irrigation water to the apparent deterioration of productivity. Concerned with tackling this urgent problem by procedures scientific that are inexpensive and applicable to all interested parties in order to preserve our important economic crops, especially our promising medicinal and aromatic plants, which are very reliable to promote agricultural investment in our province. The importance of the materials proposed to improve the tolerance of Origanum syriacum L. to salinity, included the use of acetyl salicylic acid which helps plants to resist the stress conditions resultina from the accumulation of salts in the soil (Poor et al, 2011), and improves the efficiency of root hairs to absorb nutrients (Shalaby and Razin, 1992). The addition of acetyl salicylic acid led to improved growth (Hamid et al., 2012), increased photodynamic (Bastam et al., 2013). Using Acetyl salicylic acid as spraying olive seedlings increased the on tolerance of salt-tolerant seedlings due to saline irrigation water in the rate of plant height, length and number of vegetative branches, and wet and dry weight of vegetative and root populations (AL-Taey, 2010).

Humic acid acts as a clavicle containing many organic compounds, amino acids and nutrients, especially potassium, which plays an important role in many biological processes within the plant (Said-Al Ahl et al., 2009 and Kava et al., 2005). Humic acid might show antistress effects under abiotic stress conditions such as unfavorable temperature, salinity, and pH. The major functional groups of humic substance include carboxyl, phenolic hydroxyl, alcoholic hydroxyl, ketone and quinoid (Russo and Berlyn, 1990). Humic substances are well known as stimulators of plant germination and

growth (Dell'Amico *et al.*, 1994). It was also reported that humic acid application positively affected the traits of plant grown in salinity condition (Türkmen *et al.*, 2005). Increasing the humic levels resulted in a significant increase in all cowpea vegetative traits (EI-Hefny, 2010).

The present work aimed to improve *Origanum syriacum* L. productivity of herb and volatile oil by using acetyl salicylic acid and humic acid under saline water irrigation, under North Sinai conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present study was carried out on Origanum syriacum L. Fam. Lamiaceae (Labiatae) at North Sinai Research Station Farm, Desert Research Center, 30 Km East El-Arish City (North Sinai Governorate) during the two successive seasons of 2014 and 2015 to improve growth, productivity and oil production as well as chemical composition of Origanum syriacum L. plant by using humic acid and acetyl salicylic acid under saline water irrigation conditions in North Sinai region.

Plant material and procedure

Seedlings of Origanum syriacum L. were obtained from North Sinai Research Station, Desert Research Center, North Homogenous Sinai Governorate. seedlings of 12-15 cm height were transplanted in the field on 12th April 2014 and 18th April 2015 at distances of 50 cm between plants and 100 cm between rows (8400 plants/fed.). Drip irrigation system was applied in the whole experiment using drippers with discharge of 4 l.h⁻¹ for one hour every 3 days with saline well water (3000 ppm). Organic fertilizer (compost) was added at the rate of 15 m³ per feddan during soil preparation. Chemical fertilization and other agricultural practices were done according the recommendations of Ministry of Agriculture and Soil Reclimation.

Humic acid treatments

Four levels of humic acid (0, 2, 4 and 6 kg.fed⁻¹) were applied with irrigation water in the form of potassium humic acid. It was added three times. The first one was 15 days after transplanting date and repeated two times at 45 days intervals. It was obtained from the Seed Outlet at the Agricultural Research Center, Giza, Egypt, "Super Canada" produced by the Egyptian Canadian Company for Mobile Phone Trading and Agricultural Consulting in Egypt.

Acetyl salicylic acid treatments

Four levels of the acetyl salicylic acid (0, 500, 750 and 1000 mg.l⁻¹) were applied

as a foliar application (three sprays per season, every ten days started after two weeks of transplanting). It was dissolved in weak water (0.2 mg/100 H₂O at 20° C). The acetyl salicylic acid was obtained from of Abo Ghaneima Co. for Fertilizer and Chemical Industries, Egypt.

Soil and water analyses

Some mechanical and chemical characteristics of the soil at the experimental site are tabulated in Table (1). The soil samples representing the experiment area was taken at 0-30 cm depth. Water irrigation was obtained from the irrigation wells water of North Sinai Station in El-Sheikh Zwaid, North Sinai. The water analysis is shown in Table (2).

| | | | | | Che | emical a | analysi | S | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|---------------------|-----|------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|-----|--------|
| Ca | ations (| meq.l ⁻¹ |) | 1 | Anions | (meq.l ⁻ | ¹) | EC (d.Sm ⁻¹) | рН | mio | Ava cronu soil | | its in |
| Ca ⁺⁺ | Mg⁺⁺ | Na⁺ | K⁺ | Cl- | Co ₃ | Hco ₃ - | S04 | | | Fe | Zn | Cu | Mn |
| 20.0 | 7.8 | 14.1 | 1.0 | 25.6 | - | 3.1 | 14.2 | 4.29 | 8.00 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 0.7 | 5.4 |
| | | | | | Mec | hanical | analys | is | | | | | |
| | Clay | | S | ilt | | Sand | | | Textu | ure ca | alls | | |
| 2. | .1 (%) | | 4.9 | (%) | | 93.3 (% | 5) | | San | dy so | oil | | |

| Table (1): Some initial chemical | and physical | characteristics | of experimental | farm soil at 0- |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 30 cm depth. | | | | |

| Table (2): Sor | ne initial chemical a | nd physical charact | teristics of irrigation water. |
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| EC | рН | | Cations (| meq.l ⁻¹) | | | Anions (| (meq.l ⁻¹) | |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-----------|-----------------------|------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| (dS.m ⁻¹) | | Ca⁺⁺ | Mg⁺⁺ | Na⁺ | K⁺ | CO₃ ⁻ | HCO₃ ⁻ | CI | SO₄ ⁻ |
| 4.46 | 7.8 | 8.5 | 9.29 | 23.5 | 0.18 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 27.5 | 9.97 |

Experimental design and Statistical analysis

The layout of the experiment was completely randomized block design in split plot design with three replications. Humic acid concentrations were randomly arranged in the main plots. while acetyl salicylic acid concentrations were randomly assigned at sub-plots. All collected data were analyzed with analysis of variance (ANOVA) procedure using MSTAT-C statistical software package (Michigan state University, 1983). Differences between means were compared by using Duncan multiple range test at 0.05 (Duncan, 1955).

Observations and Measurements

Vegetative growth and herb yield

- a. Plant height (cm).
- b. Herb fresh weight/plant (gm).
- c. Herb dry weight/plant (gm).
- d. fresh and dry herb yields (kg/fed) were calculated based on fresh and dry weights of plant.

Oil yield characteristics

Oil yield per plant was calculated as follows:

Oil yield per plant (ml) =

Oil percentage X Herb dry weight 100

Oil yield per feddan (L.) was calculated as follows:

Oil yield per feddan (L.) =

oil yield per plant × number of plants/fed

Gas chromatography – mass spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis

The chemical composition of essential oil samples were performed using Trace GC 1310-ISQ mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, Austin, TX, USA) with a direct capillary column TG–35MS (30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm film thickness). The column oven temperature was initially

held at 55°C and then increased by 5°C /min to 300°C with hold 5 min. The injector temperature was kept at 250°C. Helium was used as a carrier gas at a constant flow rate of 1 ml/min. The solvent delay was 2 min and diluted samples of 1 µl were injected automatically using Autosampler AS3000 coupled with GC in the split mode. Mass spectra were collected at 70 eV ionization voltages over the range of m/z 50-650 in full scan mode. The ion source and transfer line temperatures were set at 200 and 300°C, respectively. The components were identified by comparison of their retention times and mass spectra with those of WILEY 09 and NIST 11 mass spectral database.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Vegetative growth parameters

The interaction effect between different concentrations of acetvl salicylic acid and humic acid on some vegetative growth parameters of Origanum svriacum L. are presented in Table (3). All vegetative growth parameters (plant height, plant fresh and dry weights) were significantly increased maximum the humic when acid concentration (6 kg.fed⁻¹) was applied with high concentrations of acetyl salicylic acid (750 or 1000 mg.l⁻¹) during both seasons and at both cuts.

This result is similar to that reported by AL-Taey (2010) on olive seedlings; since he concluded that using salicylic acid (1000 mg.l⁻¹) as spray led to increase plant height. Also, Rivas-San and Plasencia (2011) suggested that the growth promoting effects of SA could be related to changes in the hormonal status or by improvement of photosynthesis, transpiration, and stomata conductance. This can ultimately enhance yield. In addition, Bayat *et al.* (2012) on *Calendula*

| Treat | Treatment | | First season 2014 | | | Second season 2015 | 15 |
|--|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Humic acid (kg.fed ^{.1}) | Acetyl salicylic acid (mg.l ⁻¹) | Plant height (cm) | Herb fresh veight /plant (g) | Herb dry weight /plant (g) | Plant height (cm) | Herb fresh weight /plant (g) | Herb dry weight /plant (g) |
| | | | | Fir | First Cut | | |
| 0.0 | 0.0 | 27.73h | 63.331 | 21.11jk | 28.19h | 74.23k | 24.74ij |
| | 500 | 28.83g | 73.89k | 24.63j | 29.49g | 86.31j | 28.77i |
| | 750 | 30.57f | 111.11j | 37.04i | 30.97fg | 119.14i | 39.71h |
| | 1000 | 31.07e | 120.00i | 40.00h | 31.31f | 121.24hi | 40.41g |
| 2 | 0.0 | 31.33e | 121.78hi | 40.59gh | 31.71ef | 124.22h | 41.41fg |
| | 500 | 31.47e | 124.78h | 41.59g | 31.77ef | 131.31g | 43.77f |
| | 750 | 32.27de | 136.44g | 45.48fg | 32.95e | 142.21fg | 47.40ef |
| | 1000 | 32.80de | 142.33f | 47.44f | 33.31de | 149.13f | 49.71e |
| 4 | 0.0 | 32.91de | 148.33ef | 49.44ef | 33.35de | 152.16e | 50.72de |
| | 500 | 33.20d | 149.78e | 49.93e | 33.51 d | 156.12de | 52.04d |
| | 750 | 34.10cd | 154.31d | 51.44d | 34.17cd | 159.11d | 53.04cd |
| | 1000 | 35.20c | 161.56cd | 53.85cd | 36.01c | 165.21cd | 55.07c |
| 9 | 0.0 | 40.55b | 166.21c | 55.40c | 41.09b | 169.34c | 56.45bc |
| | 500 | 41.43ab | 175.11bc | 58.37bc | 41.81ab | 177.24b | 59.08b |
| | 750 | 42.13ab | 175.78b | 58.59b | 42.51ab | 182.19ab | 60.73ab |
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| Trea | Treatment | | First season 2014 | | | Second season 2015 | 15 |
|--|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Humic acid (kg.fed ^{.1}) | Acetyl salicylic acid(mg.l ⁻¹) | Plant height (cm) | Herb fresh veight /plant (g) | Herb dry weight /plant (g) | Plant height (cm) | Herb fresh weight /plant (g) | Herb dry weight /plant (g) |
| | | | | Sec | Second cut | | |
| 0.0 | 0.0 | 30.37g | 78.42k | 26.14j | 30.93g | 86.42k | 28.81i |
| | 500 | 31.07fg | 88.39j | 29.46i | 31.35f | 97.21j | 32.40h |
| | 750 | 31.85f | 117.89i | 39.30h | 32.19ef | 111.22ij | 37.07gh |
| | 1000 | 32.34ef | 123.86hi | 41.29gh | 32.93ef | 118.89i | 39.63g |
| 2 | 0.0 | 33.05e | 127.28h | 42.43g | 33.59e | 126.05h | 42.02f |
| | 500 | 33.77e | 131.12gh | 43.71fg | 34.23de | 132.78gh | 44.26ef |
| | 750 | 34.01de | 135.28g | 45.09f | 34.49de | 139.61g | 46.54e |
| | 1000 | 34.31d | 149.55f | 46.14ef | 34.79de | 153.05fg | 51.02de |
| 4 | 0.0 | 35.49cd | 155.78e | 51.93de | 35.91d | 154.72f | 51.57de |
| | 500 | 35.77cd | 157.22de | 52.41d | 36.31cd | 159.11ef | 53.04 d |
| | 750 | 35.96cd | 159.05d | 53.02 cd | 36.51cd | 159.89e | 53.30cd |
| | 1000 | 36.92 c | 161.89cd | 53.96 c | 37.21c | 162.55 d | 54.18 c |
| 9 | 0.0 | 41.80b | 169.22c | 56.41bc | 41.97b | 171.22cd | 57.07bc |
| | 500 | 42.43ab | 173.12b | 57.71b | 42.93ab | 179.52c | 59.84b |
| | 750 | 43.45ab | 176.21ab | 58.74ab | 43.75ab | 186.12b | 62.04ab |
| | 1000 | 45.05a | 179.23a | 59.74a | 45.67a | 192.31a | 64 . 10a |

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officinalis L. showed that foliar application of SA resulted in greater plant height, as well as EI-Esawi *et al.* (2017) on *Rosmarinus officinalis* L. plants, showed that SA treatments significantly enhanced plant growth as well as fresh and dry weights.

Accordingly, Rao et al., (1987) pointed that humic acid improves physical, chemical and biological conditions of soil. It breaks up clay and compacted soils. assists in transferring micronutrients from the soil to the plant, enhances water retention, increases seed germination rates, improves nutrient absorption, plant growth and penetration and stimulates the development of microflora populations. The direct effects on plant growth is due to the increase of cell chlorophyll content, the acceleration of the respiration process, hormonal responses. increasing growth substances penetration to plant membranes, affect the dry matter production and the uptake of nutrients by plants. Also, Türkmen et al. (2005) reported that the application of humic acid has a positive effect on plants that grow in salinity status.

Moreover, Said-Al Ahl *et al.* (2016) mentioned that, humic substances used for plant nutrition, enhance root, plant growth and seed yield. However, humic acid had significant impact on plant height, number of branches, dry weight and yield of basil. Humic acid increased root growth by increasing cell elongation or root cell membrane permeability therefore increased water and nutrients uptake by increasing root surface area, so improving plant growth, development and carbohydrates content.

Herb yield and oil characteristics

Data in Table 4 show significant effects for the interaction of applying humic acid with acetyl salicylic acid treatments on all traits of yield and its components in both seasons. The maximum values of these parameters were belonged to the interaction of the highest concentration (6 kg.fed⁻¹) of humic acid combined with high concentrations (750 or 1000 mg.l⁻¹) acetyl salicylic acid.

The positive effect of humic acid which demonstrated here has been described by Aiyafar *et al.* (2015) who investigated the effect of humic acid on yield, and yield components of black cumin (*Nigella sativa* L.). They concluded that application of humic acid increased the yield and yield components as well as essential oil percentage and essential oil yield.

The enhancing effect of acetyl salicylic acid on herb yield was previously observed by Refat *et al.* (2017) on *Helianthus annuus* L., who showed that SA treatment increased ultimately yield. Also, Rivas-San and Plasencia (2011) suggested that the growth promoting effects of SA could be related to changes in the hormonal status or by improvement photosynthesis, transpiration, and stomata conductance. This can ultimately enhances yield and plants fresh and dry weights.

Analysis of *Origanum syriacum* L. volatile oil components by GC-MS

Data in Table 5 show that the effect of the interaction treatment of 6Kg.fed-¹humic acid combined with 1000 mg.l⁻¹ acetyl salicylic acid on essential oil component compared with untreated plants (control). This interaction treatment had the superiority compared with all other investigated treatments regarding essential oil production. Essential oil GC-MS analysis shows that 21 compounds could be identified in this oil. The major components were thymol followed by γ-Terpinene, Terpinolene,

| Treat | Treatment | zort and zoro seasons tment | | First season 2014 | 14 | | | Sec | Second season 2015 | 2015 | |
|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Humic acid (kg.fed ⁻¹) | Acetyl salicylic Acid (mg.l ⁻¹) | Fresh herb Dry yield ((kg.fed ⁻¹) | herb yie kg.fed ⁻¹) | Essential oil (percentage) | Essential oil (ml) | Essential oil yield (L.fed ⁻¹) | Fresh herb yield (kg.fed ⁻¹) | Dry he yielc (kg.fec | Essential oil (percentage) | Essential oil (ml) | Essential oil yield (L.fed ⁻¹) |
| | | | | | | First cut | cut | | | | |
| 0 | 0.0 | 532.001 | 177.33jk | 2.35i | 0.50j | 4.17i | 623.53k | 207.84ij | 2.57h | 0.74i | 5.34i |
| | 500 | 620.67k | 206.89j | 3.94hi | 0.72i | 6.08h | 725.00j | 241.67i | 2.95gh | 1.00h | 7.13h |
| | 750 | 933.33 j | 311.11i | 3.03h | 1.12hi | 9.43gh | 1000.78i | 333.59h | 2.27g | 1.45gh | 7.57gh |
| • | 1000 | 1008.00i | 336.00h | 3.20gh | 1.28h | 10.75g ′ | 1018.42hi | 339.47g | 3.62fg | 1.55g | 12.29g |
| 7 | 0.0 | 1022.93hi | 340.98gh | 3.25gh | 1.32gh | 11.08fg | 1043.45h | 347.82fg | 3.69f | 1.81fg | 12.83fg |
| | 500 1 | 1048.13h | 349.38g | 3.47g | 1.44g | 12.12f | 1103.00g | 367.67f | 3.73ef | 1.91f | 13.71f |
| | 750 1 | 1146.13g | 382.04fg | 3.96fg | 1.68fg | 14.10ef | 1194.56fg | 398.19ef | 3.81e | 1.99ef | 15.17ef |
| • | 1000 | 1195.60f | 398.53f | 3.76f | 1.78f | 14.98e | 1252.69f | 417.56e | 3.90de | 2.22e | 16.28e |
| 4 | 0.0 | 1246.00ef | 415.33ef | 4.27e | 2.11e | 17.73de | 1278.14e | 426.05de | 4.05 d | 2.53d | 17.25de |
| | 500 | 1258.13e | 419.38e | 4.33de | 2.16de | 18.16d 1 | 1311.41de | 437.14d | 4.15cd | 2.59d | 18.14d |
| | 750 1 | 1296.20d | 432.07d | 4.60e | 2.37d | 19.88cd | 1336.52d | 445.51cd | 4.19c | 2.70cd | 18.67cd |
| • | 1000 1 | 1357.07cd | 452.36cd | 4.93c | 2.65cd | 22.30c 1 | 1387.76cd | 462.59c | 4.22bc | 2.87c | 19.52 c |
| 9 | 0.0 | 1396.16c | 465.39c | 5.13bc | 2.84c | 23.87bc | 1422.46c | 474.15bc | 4.27b | 3.14bc | 20.25bc |
| | 500 1 | 1470.93bc | 490.31bc | 5.40b | 3.15b | 26.48b | 1488.82b | 496.27b | 4.35ab | 3.24b | 21.59b |
| | 750 1 | 1476.53b | 492.18b | 5.47ab | 3.21ab | 26.92ab 1 | 1530.40ab | 510.13ab | 4.36ab | 3.44ab | 22.24ab |
| | 1000 | 1520.40a | 506.80a | 5.51a | 3.32a | 27.92a | 1555.18a | 518.39a | 4.43a | 3.55a | 22.96a |
| Means follov | ved by the | same letter(s | Means followed by the same letter(s) within each column are not significantly different at the 0.05 level, according to Duncan's multiple range test | olumn are not | significant | y different at th | he 0.05 leve | l, accordin | g to Duncan's | multiple ra | nge test. |

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| Treat | Treatment | | Ï | First season 2014 | 14 | | | Sec | Second season 2015 | 2015 | |
|--|--|--|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Humic acid (kg.fed ⁻¹) | Acetyl salicylic Acid (mg.l ⁻¹) | Fresh herb yield (kg.fed ⁻¹) | Fresh herb Dry herb yield yield (kg.fed ⁻¹) (kg.fed ⁻¹) | Essential oil (percentage) | Essential oil (ml) | Essential oil yield (L.fed ⁻¹) | | Fresh herb Dry herb yield yield (kg.fed ⁻¹) (kg.fed ⁻¹) | Essential oil (percentage) | Essential oil (ml) | Essential oil yield (L.fed ⁻¹) |
| | | | | | | Secol | Second cut | | | | |
| 0 | 0.0 | 658.73k | 219.58 j | 2.84 i | 0.64i | 6.24i | 725.93k | 241.98i | 2.65i | 0.76i | 6.41j |
| | 500 | 742.48j | 247.49i | 3.41h | 0.85h | 8.44h | 816.56j | 272.19h | 3.49h | 1.13h | 9.50i |
| | 750 | 990.28i | 330.09h | 3.68g | 0.90gh | 12.15gh | 934.25ij | 311.42gh | 3.63 g | 1.35gh | 11.30h |
| • | 1000 10 | 1040.42hi | 346.81gh | 3.75fg | 1.46g | 13.01g | 998.68i | 332.89g | 3.70fg | 1.47g | 12.32gh |
| 7 | 0.0 | 1069.15h | 356.38g | 4.26f | 1.53fg | 15.18fg | 1058.82h | 352.94f | 3.76f | 1.58fg | 13.27g |
| | 500 11 | 1101.41gh | 367.14fg | 4.36ef | 1.63f | 16.01f | 1115.35gh | 371.78ef | 3.80ef | 1.69f | 14.16fg |
| | 750 1 | 1136.35g | 378.78f | 4.41e | 1.81ef | 16.70ef | 1172.72g | 390.91e | 3.84e | 1.79ef | 15.01f |
| | 1000 1 | 1256.22f | 418.74ef | 4.45e | 1.94e | 18.63e | 1285.62fg | 428.54de | 3.91de | 1.99e | 16.76ef |
| 4 | 0.0 | 1308.55e | 436.18de | 4.88de | 2.05de | 21.29de | 1299.65f | 433.22de | 3.99d | 2.06de | 17.29e |
| | 500 13 | 1320.65de | 440.22d | 4.95d | 2.16d | 21.79d | 1336.52ef | 445.51 d | 4.04cd | 2.14d | 18.00d |
| | 750 1 | 1336.02d | 445.34cd | 5.09cd | 2.22cd | 22.67cd | 1343.08e | 447.69cd | 4.06cd | 2.16cd | 18.18 d |
| | 1000 13 | 1359.88cd | 453.29c | 5.32c | 2.32c | 24.12c | 1365.42d | 455.14c | 4.74c | 2.22c | 18.66cd |
| 9 | 0.0 | 1421.45c | 473.82bc | 5.57bc | 2.41bc | 26.39bc | 1438.25cd 479.42bc | 479.42bc | 4.19bc | 2.39bc | 20.09c |
| | 500 1 | 1454.21b | 484.74b | 5.61b | 2.57b | 27.19b | 1507.97c | 502.66b | 4.24b | 2.54b | 21.31b |
| | 750 14 | 1480.16ab | 493.39ab | 5.86ab | 2.65ab | 28.91ab | 1563.41b | 521.14ab | 4.30ab | 2.67ab | 22.41ab |
| | 1000 1 | 1505.53a | 501.84a | 5.94a | 2.73a | 29.81a | 1615.40a | 538.47a | 4.89a | 2.85a | 23.96a |

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Table (4): Cont.

| No. | Component | Composi | tion |
|-----|------------------------|---------|-------|
| | | S1000H6 | S₀H₀ |
| 1 | α-Pinene | 2.32 | 2.55 |
| 2 | Sabinene | 0.79 | |
| 3 | Camphene | 0.14 | 0.19 |
| 4 | β-Pinene | 0.23 | 0.27 |
| 5 | Myrcene | 2.75 | 2.40 |
| 6 | D-Limonene | 0.11 | |
| 7 | Thymol | 26.05 | 23.42 |
| 8 | γ-Terpinene | 15.89 | 14.74 |
| 9 | α-Terpinene | 11.36 | 11.25 |
| 10 | Terpinene-₄-ol | | 4.50 |
| 11 | Linalool | 0.36 | 0.55 |
| 12 | Borneol | 0.18 | |
| 13 | p-Cymene | 7.05 | 6.82 |
| 14 | Cis-Sabinene hydrate | | 1.3 |
| 15 | Trans-Sabinene hydrate | | 0.95 |
| 16 | 1, 8-Cineol | 0.34 | 0.40 |
| 17 | Terpinolene | 12.35 | 10.27 |
| 18 | Carvacrol | 9.64 | 9.23 |
| 19 | Carvone | 0.27 | 0.39 |
| 20 | Isoborneol | 2.13 | 2.51 |
| 21 | β-Caryophyllene ne | 1.29 | 1.64 |
| | Total | 93.52 | 93.38 |

| Table (5): Effect of 6 kg.fed ⁻¹ humic acid combined with 1000 mg.l ⁻¹ acetyl salicylic acid |
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| on Origanum syriacum L. essential oil component. |

S₀: Without acetyl salicylic acid, S₁₀₀₀: (1000 mg. l⁻¹) acetyl salicylic acid, H₀:Without humic acid, H₆: (6 Kg.fed⁻¹) humic acid

α-Terpinene, Carvacrol, p-Cymene, Myrcene, α -Pinene, Isoborneol and β -Caryophyllene. A glance on obtained data reveal that treating plants with acetyl salicylic acid (1000 mg.l⁻¹) and huimc acid (6 kg.fed⁻¹) could enhanced some main essential oil component percentages such as Thymol, ٧-Terpinene, p-Cymene and Terpinolene. The noticeable observation that sabinene, D-limonene and Borneol compounds only detected when plants were treated with both investigated compounds, while, Terpinene-4-ol, Cis-Sabinene hydrate and Trans-Sabinene hydrate compounds were dissappered from essential oil obtained from plants treated with 1000 mg.l⁻¹ acetyl salicylic acid and 6 kg.fed⁻¹huimc acid.

Consulting the above mentioned results shows that the most promising treatments were the combination between the highest concentration (6 kg. fed⁻¹) of humic acid and high

concentrations (750 or 1000 mg.l⁻¹) of acetyl salicylic acid. These treatments gave the highest values of all investigated traits. From the economical point of view it is favorable to use the lower coast combination treatment (6 kg.fed⁻¹ humic acid and 750 mg.l⁻¹ acetyl salicylic acid).

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تأثير حمض الهيوميك وحمض السالسليك على تحسين إنتاجيه نبات الاوريجانو تحت ظروف الري بمياه مالحة

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الملخص العربى

أجريت هذه التجربة على نبات الاوريجانو أحد نباتات العائلة الشفوية بمزرعة محطة بحوث شمال سيناء (الشيخ زويد) التابعة لمركز بحوث الصحراء ، خلال موسمين متعاقبين (٢٠١٤ و ٢٠٠٥) بهدف تحسين نمو وإنتاجية نبات الاوريجانو النامى تحت ظروف اجهاد الرى بالماء المالح (حوالى ٣٠٠٠ جزء فى المليون) وذلك باستخدام حامض الهيوميك وحامض السالسيلك حيث تم إضافه حمض الهيوميك مع مياه الرى بمعدل صفر، ٢، ٤، ٢ كجم للفدان، أما حمض السالسيلك فقد تم إضافته رشأ على النباتات بتركيزات صفر و ٥٠٠٠ و ٥٠٠٠ مللجم/ لتر. و قد صممت التجربه بنظام القطاعات كامله العشوائيه في قطع منشقه مره واحده يحتوي كلاً منها على ثلاث مكررات حيث وزعت معاملات حمض السالسيلك على النباتات بتركيزات صفر و ٥٠٠٠ و ٥٠٠٠ مللجم/ لتر. و قد صممت التجربه بنظام القطاعات كامله العشوائيه في قطع منشقه مره واحده يحتوي كلاً منها على ثلاث مكررات حيث وزعت معاملات حمض الهيوميك في القطع الرئيسية عشوائياً، ووزعت معاملات حمض السالسيلك عشوائياً في القطع تحت المنشقه. وقد أظهرت النتائج المتحصل عليها أن أعلى القيم لصفات النمو الخضري و محصول الزيت الطيار و المكونات معاملات محم الهيوميك في القطع الرئيسية عشوائياً، ووزعت معاملات حمض السالسيلك عشوائياً في القطع تحت الكنيميائية له قد تحققت مع الرى بحمض الهيوميك بتركيز ٢ كجم/فدان ورش هذه النباتات بحمض السالسيلك بتركيز ٥٠٧ وال ١٠٠٠ ملجم / لتر بدون فرق معنوى بين كلتا المعاملتين. لذا فاننا نوصى برش نباتات الاوريجانو النامية تحت وذلك لتجنب التاثير المثبط للملوحة على نمو وإنتاجية نبات الاوريجانو .

الكلمات الإسترشادية: إنتاجية، نباتات الاوريجانو، حمض السالسيلك ، حامض الهيوميك، الري بالمياه المالحة.

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